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1. Amicale marocaine des handicapés

Special, 1999

Introduction

Amicale marocaine des handicaps is a non-profit organization in Morocco given State approval as a charity by decree No. 296216 of 2 April 1996, which was established by persons with disabilities and their friends and supporters in 1992. Its headquarters is in Casablanca, Morocco, but it covers the entire national territory.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Amicale marocaine des handicapés is a service organization helping persons with disabilities to achieve their life goals; a development organization working to create rehabilitation facilities and training human resources skilled in dealing with disability; and an advocacy organization, working for the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities at the international, regional and national levels.

The organization currently has 25,000 members and a paid staff of 195. It manages two rehabilitation centres serving over 200 persons with disabilities each day.

Important changes in the organization

The organization has reviewed its by-laws to bring them into line with the purposes of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The legal approach has become central to its activities. The organization has revised its vision and its purposes to reflect the Millennium Development Goals.

The organization has adopted a two-pronged approach: inclusion of persons with disabilities in national policies and strategies and adoption of specific actions to meet the special needs of persons in a situation of disability.

The organization has partnership and cooperation relations with Morocco, institutional decision-making bodies and advisory institutions. In this connection, through its President, the organization is part of the Moroccan Advisory Council on Human Rights and the Moroccan Economic and Social Council. The organization has worked to enhance the skills of persons with disabil.. es and their organizations by training and apprenticeship focused on human rights and sustainable development.

The organization has also worked to create a national network of organizations of persons with disabilities engaged in the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities. The Collective for the Promotion of the Rights of Persons in a Situation of Disability, an association under ordinary law established in 2008, is chaired by the President of the organization. It is composed of over 320 associations dealing with disabilities of all kinds and with all regions of Morocco.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations relating to the negotiation and adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It has worked to publicize the Convention at the national and regional

levels and was instrumental in Morocco's ratification of the Convention and its Optional Protocol on 8 April 2009.

The organization has worked for the adoption of national legislation reflecting the provisions of the Convention and a draft is currently in the process of being adopted.

Participation in United Nations meetings

As a member of the Moroccan Advisory Council on Human Rights, the President of the organization participated in the work of the tenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held from 2 to 27 March 2009, during which he delivered Morocco's statement on the rights of persons with disabilities.

At the thirteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held from 1 to 26 March 2010, the President delivered the statement on promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in Morocco.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The President of the organization is a member of the panel of international experts of the World Health Organization (WHO) designing a training programme on the provision of wheelchairs. He participated in the work of the panel in Geneva from 22 to 24 October 2008 and from 16 to 18 November 2009. This mission with WHO is ongoing.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has a programme of support for the social involvement of persons with disabilities, financed by the European Union and supported by Handicap International. With a budget of 980,000 euros, the goal of this programme is to reduce poverty among persons with disabilities by financing revenue-generating projects, education of children with disabilities in a mainstream and integrated setting, vocational training and employment. The organization is a partner in the Moroccan National Initiative for Human Development, aimed at attaining the Goals at the national and local levels.

2. Asociación Cubana de las Naciones Unidas

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Asociación Cubana de las Naciones Unidas has seven commissions, dealing with the economy, health, young people, the press, labour issues, culture, environment and sustainable development.

It has 300 individual members, 123 group members and 97 members of Cuban civil society organizations.

Contributions to United Nations activities

During the period in question, the organization:

- Commemorated the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture by requesting the release of the five Cuban counterterrorists unjustly imprisoned in the United States, with the participation of the President of the Cuban Parliament, the families of the five prisoners and hundreds of Cuban civil society organizations;
- Commemorated United Nations Day by holding meetings on the Millennium Development Goals and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in Cuba with accredited representatives of the Organization and the Resident Coordinator;
- Held discussions with officials of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives of Cuban civil society organizations on issues on the agendas of the Organization;
- Held five forums, attended by over one hundred organizations, on respect for human rights in Cuba, the effects of the United States embargo against Cuba and demands for it to be lifted.

Participation in United Nations meetings

In 2007, the organization participated in meetings on the Convention to Combat Desertification held in Buenos Aires from 11 to 21 March, in Port of Spain from 31 July to 4 August and in Madrid from 1 to 15 September.

In 2008, the organization participated in the sixty-first annual Conference of the Department of Public Information, on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the signature of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, held in Paris from 3 to 5 September. It also attended the substantive segment of the session of the Economic and Social Council held in New York on 3 July; the sixty-third session of the General Assembly from 11 to 25 October; and the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to Combat Desertification, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 November.

In 2009, the organization attended the ninth Conference of Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification, held in Buenos Aires from 21 September to 2 October.

In 2010, the organization attended the sixteenth Conference of Parties to the Framew3ork Convention on Climate Change, held in Cancún, Mexico, from 29 November to 10 December.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the period in question, the organization engaged in the following activities:

- For the Human Rights Council, it sent reports for the universal periodic review mechanism on Cuba, the United States and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and to the Committee on the Rights of the Child;
- For the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), it supported the candidacy of the "La Colmenita" children's theatre company as a goodwill ambassador; the organization also commemorated World Cancer Day, Human Rights Day, International Mountain Day and Universal Children's Day;

- For the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the organization engaged in activities related to the World Day for Cultural Diversity and for the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures;
- For the United Nations Development Programme, the organization established a workshop/programme on small grants for the Global Environment Facility;
- For the World Food Programme, the organization contributed to the plastic arts and children's art competition;
- For the United Nations Environment Programme, the organization designed the national campaign entitled "*Planta tu árbol*" ("Plant your tree") and the initiative entitled "*Plantemos por el Planeta*"("Let's plant for the planet).

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

During the period in question, the organization commemorated the following events:

- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.** The organization marked the third anniversary of Cuba's accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
- **World AIDS Day.** It organized panels with the participation of well-known scientists;
- **World Environment Day.** In cooperation with the State Forestry Service and Cuban organizations, it organized large-scale forestry activities and collected used raw materials.

Additional information

Each year, the organization holds model United Nations events. This initiative takes place in five provinces, with the participation of a thousand Cuban and foreign students and with the cooperation of United Nations representatives.

3. Association d'aide aux enfants cancéreux

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Association d'aide aux enfants cancéreux was founded in 1989 and is located at 31 rue Maoued Ahmed (formerly rue Mirauchaux) in Oran, Algeria. It was awarded special consultative status on 5 May 2003.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association provides psychological, material, financial and medical assistance to children suffering from the terrible disease of cancer, assuming responsibility for all imaging tests (scans, MRIs, scintigraphy, ultrasound) and for biological tests and purchasing reagents not available in the hospital laboratory. It also regularly organizes cultural activities, recreational activities and relaxation for the children to help them forget their suffering and the burdensome treatments

which they receive. These activities include performances and entertainment, outings and drawing, painting, sculpting and sewing lessons, as well as games.

Since most of the children are from poor families or families in a situation of utter precariousness, the Association provides additional assistance to the children's relatives, who are accommodated and looked after at a centre for persons living outside the town, with 30 beds in individual rooms.

Contribution to United Nations activities

Medical support. Algeria spares no effort to purchase the very latest drugs and innovative products to provide the best possible cancer treatment; however, the care of sick children is complicated by the fact that vital medications are out of stock and the special cancer hospital lacks certain diagnostic equipment such as equipment for scanning, MRIs, ultrasound and scintigraphy. For this reason, the Association takes action as soon as a sick child is admitted to hospital in order to expedite treatment and save as many lives as possible. It facilitates access to medication, because several children with cancer have other diseases, such as pneumonia, infections and diarrhoea, which complicate their serious pathology. The Association believes that in the twenty-first century, with the scientific advances and the human and material means at our disposal, it is not right that there should still be suffering children. This is why it wants to attain the global health goals.

Support for families. Treatment takes time and is complicated and difficult to bear. Accordingly, in 1997 the Association solicited bids for the construction of the *Dellal Boumediene* home. The home was inaugurated in 2000 and has 20 beds in individual rooms with bathrooms, a lounge, a playroom and two kitchens. In 2009, major renovation work was undertaken to provide improved facilities without charge for children with cancer and their families. In 2009, 1,719 families stayed at the house. The Association also has a convalescent centre in the middle of the forest, two kilometers from the beach, with a capacity of 20 beds to provide a calm and relaxing facility for the sick children..

The Association is expanding its activities and wants to continue this work, in view of the constantly growing number of cancer sufferers, and plans to construct another centre in Bousfer (where 600 square metres of land have been donated). The first level will be reserved for a pre-school for the village children.

These two homes are run by qualified staff employed by the Association.

Education and culture. The Association provides developmental assistance to sick children, combining culture and education and financing the purchase of school supplies and furnishings. Several projects are organized for each child, depending on the child's treatment and hospitalization. Patients who complete the school year are honoured and given prizes. The "Little Reader" association, with its mobile library, sends a strong message of hope and solidarity by visiting patients.

However, there is a problem: lessons are taught in the room used by the medical staff and are often interrupted. The Association therefore plans to build a classroom and playroom in the cancer hospital.

Improvement of meals. The side effects of chemotherapy cause malnutrition problems. Working with dieticians, the Association provides supplementary nutrients to patients, as well as daily snacks. With the help of the association

Sanabil errahma, 2,400 full meals are distributed daily during the month of Ramadan to children, their families and adult patients.

Participation in United Nations meetings

Unfortunately the organization has not participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council or in major conferences since 2003, when it was awarded special consultative status. This is because of its limited resources and the cost of attending these important events, in which the Association would have very much liked to participate. However, in allocating its budget, it gives priority to the needs of sick children and to assistance to their families.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association has had no direct contact since its participation in 2003.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Miliennium Development Goals

The organization has not participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council or of the Council's subsidiary bodies, because it has focused on achieving its goals on a daily basis, in the face of various constraints, including budgetary problems.

Additional information

The results of the Association's humanitarian work during the period in question and of the other acts of solidarity towards dozens of unfortunate people who ask for our help every day demonstrate the conscientious efforts and devotion of all its members and the generosity of the benefactors who enable the Association to pursue this noble mission.

On the occasion of the International Day of the Child, the Association offered 90 meals to patients (children and adults) prepared by a famous caterer, as well as varied entertainment including plays, sketches and gifts for the children distributed by clowns, with the participation of the Hôtel Royal in Oran.

On the occasion of the Day of the African Child, on 16 June 2011, the Association organized a special day to honour sick children and their efforts to continue their studies despite the major difficulties encountered.

Even if we unfortunately have to face with immense sadness the loss of adorable and innocent children for ever and we still miss the smiles of some of them to this day, the Association continues every day to provide necessary support to sick children and keeps up the struggle at their side in order to give them back their smiles.

4. Association internationale des régions francophones

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Association internationale des regions francophones is an international association established under French law in October 2002, with headquarters in Lyons, France.

Since 2005, the organization has enjoyed consultative status with the International Organization of la Francophonie and is involved in the task of developing cooperation to promote sustainable development and solidarity.

Since obtaining this accreditation, the Association has expanded considerably. Its membership has increased to 144 regions (regional communities or equivalent) in 26 Francophone countries and it has built up a permanent staff. At the same time, in 2007 it obtained an additional accreditation to the Economic and Social Council, reflecting its international recognition.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association encourages exchanges of experience between its members and interregional cooperation; since 2007, its action has developed along three main lines:

(a) Promotion of a regional approach and decentralization through networking of political and administrative officials and organization of specific events or participation in major international gatherings (for example, the international meetings of Francophone regions held in Marrakech, Morocco, in February 2005 and in Bamako in February 2007; the international meeting of economic Francophonie held in May 2008 in Quebec City, Canada; the world summit of regions on climate change, held in October 2008 in Saint- Malo, France; and the first States-General of Decentralized Francophonie, held in October 2010 in Lyons.

(b) Promotion of the French language and of Francophone cultural diversity by the publication and distribution to primary schools of a Francophone book kit and the award each year since 2009 of a literary grand prize of the Francophone regions.

(c) Support for local development by means of special training sessions on topics such as Francophonie and information technology, project cycle management and identification of international financing, project oversight and monitoring, decentralization and governance of regions in the Francophone areas and the concept and method of decentralized cooperation. Together with the Association internationale des maires Francophones, the Association participates in a capacity-building programme for local communities in Cameroon and Congo.

Since 2006, over 280 politicians and administrators from member communities have attended one or more training sessions offered by the Association.

The Association also has several working commissions which identify, study and propose new areas of action:

- Co-development and economic partnership;

- Personal and human development;

- Funding of credit for agriculture and sustainable development;

- Cultural developme.

The Association has signed agreements with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on a training centre in Ouagadougou; with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on promotion of programmes, particularly Art Gold and Climate Change; with the Institut pour l'étude de la francophonie et de la mondialisation (Université Jean Moulin in Lyons); and with the Micro-Enterprise Acceleration Institute (Hewlett Packard Foundation).

The Association is also one of the founding members of Regions United – Forum of Regional Governments and Global Associations of Regions. Almost 500 regions are members of this international network association, which is endeavouring to make the voice of the regions heard on the international scene.

Through its action and training programmes, the Association gives broad encouragement to exchanges of experience and North-South and South-South cooperation between Francophone regions; it thus makes a very specific contribution to the creation of a real Francophone area of solidarity and prosperity and to the promotion of the Millennium Development Goals.

Important changes in the organization

Since the end of October 2010, the Association has a new President and new goals, reflected in a multi-year action plan. This action plan echoes the conclusions of the Lyons States-General of Decentralized Francophonie. It is also the outcome of the participatory exercise conducted by the President of the Association on 23 November among the members of the Association.

The goal is to enable the Association to embark on a new phase of its development and to retain and educate new members. It will enable the Association to play a full role in the "third Francophonie", which will achieve a balanced globalization reflecting humanist and environmental values in development and the intercultural dialogue conducted in French.

The Francophone area today represents a major economic force, with its rich geographical and cultural diversity. It has an important role to play in the strengthening of peace and democracy, the construction of a more just world, sustainable development and solidarity among peoples. By supporting sustainable economic development, the Association will participate in the creation of true economic solidarity among its members. In this context, the Association is following the guidance provided at the summit of Francophone States and is working closely with the International Organization of la Francophonie and all the structures under its authority. In addition, it is endeavouring to create synergies with the major world networks of regions and communities.

With this new approach, it also aims to improve its representation on the five continents, especially in the areas where it is less represented, such as the United States and the Caribbean, South-East Asia, the Pacific, Northern Europe and the Mediterranean region.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The Association also actively participated in the Summit of the World's Regions on Food Security held on 18 and 19 January 2010 in Dakar. This Summit provided an opportunity to work on a priority issue for the regions of the South and to promote a dialogue on food security between local and national authorities and international organizations. Over half of the foreign delegations attending belonged to the Association's network. This Summit benefited from the support of the European Commission, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and UNDP.

Participation in United Nations meetings

The Association encouraged its members to participate in the major United Nations meetings and international summits. For example, delegations from the Association took part in the Summit on Climate Change organized by the United Nations on 21 and 22 September 2009 in New York and in the Climate Change Conference held in December 2009 in Copenhagen. On that occasion, a paper was presented by the President of the Association. It should be noted that the Francophone regions of the Sahel band which are members of the Association are particularly affected by climate change.

The Association was also invited to participate in the Governors' Global Climate Summit, which was held at the end of September 2009 in Los Angeles, United States, and was attended by officials at the top level of subnational government, such as in regions, American States, governorships and provinces, in preparation for the Copenhagen Summit.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to major international events, the Association also encourages its members to participate in the Art Gold programme organized by UNDP in various regions of Francophone Africa.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

In the context of the Millennium Development Goals and in connection with the programmes proposed to its members, the Association acts to promote human rights and peace, local good governance, cultural diversity and local development.

5. Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Commission is a non-governmental organization (NGO) established in April 1989 in Brazzaville by health and human rights professionals, and other professionals working in the areas of communication and development. True to the spirit of its founders, the Commission focuses on the sustainable democratic development of Africa and, like UNDP, emphasizes three areas or catalysts of this

development: poverty relief, environmental management and preservation, and good governance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The programme goals relating to diseases such as AIDS and leprosy, restoration of peace and rehabilitation of victims of torture and political violence mainly concern the protection and promotion of civil and political rights as well as economic, social and cultural rights. With their local focus, the various activities of the Commission and its networks are based on a holistic and global approach.

Important changes in the organization

No changes to report.

Participation in United Nations meetings

During the period in question, the Commission attended the fourth, seventh and fifteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

The Commission participated in the declaration by African NGOs on the prospects for and the stakes involved in globalization for development, submitted at the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), held from 20 to 25 April 2008 in Accra. It also participated in the UNCTAD Public Symposium entitled "The Global Economic Crisis and Development: the way forward", held on 18 and 19 May 2009. The Commission's contribution focused on the least developed countries in the crisis and the specific challenges and solutions. At the UNCTAD Public Symposium entitled "Responding to Global Crises: New Development Paths", held on 10 and 11 May 2010, the Commission made a statement on current economic theory.

6. Commission nationale des femmes travailleuses de Guinée

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Commission nationale des femmes travailleuses de Guinée was founded on 28 May 1985 in pursuit of the resolutions and recommendations of the Congress of the Organization of African Trade Union Unity, held in Mogadiscio in 1981, which invited all national trade union movements to create a national commission of women workers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Commission comprises regional, prefecture and sub-prefecture commissions of women workers in the public, private, mixed and informal sectors.

Important changes in the organization

No changes to be reported.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The Commission trains women trade unionists in:

- The rights of women and girls;
- Women, work and the trade union movement/reconciling work and family responsibilities;
- The conventions of the International Labour Organization, particularly those concerning women and ratified by Guinea;
- Collective bargaining techniques;
- Conflict prevention, resolution and management.

It also engages in advocacy for Guinea's ratification of the Convention concerning Maternity Protection.

The Commission plays an active role in raising awareness of parents, communities and girls, and in motivating girls and male and female teachers about school attendance by children in general and by girls in particular. It is also working to ensure that they stay in school and complete their studies in 12 prefectures where the enrolment rate was very low.

Participation in United Nations meetings

No participation to report.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Commission performed all these activities despite the disturbances in Guinea, with the assistance of the International Labour Office and national and international partners, such as civil society organizations, trade unions, NGOs, national and international institutions, the International Trade Union Confederation and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Welfare of Women and Children.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives to report.

Additional information

Despite all the difficulties encountered in the case of both women and men, we believe that these activities help to support the United Nations in its work of various kinds.

7. Coordination immigrés du sud du monde

Special, 1999

Introduction

The organization is an association of immigrants from Africa, Asia and Latin America who live in Italy, mainly in the region of Venetia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is a non-violent, democratic, autonomous, multicultural and multiethnic association which raises awareness throughout Italy about the topic of world peace, working with schools, institutes, universities and other bodies with the same goals.

It focuses on immigration problems in Italy and other European countries and on the impact of migration policies on the lives of migrants in today's society. Our mission is to facilitate immigrants' integration in the political, social and economic life of Italy. Lastly, the organization trains staff who work in the field of immigration or who are in contact with the world of immigrants in one way or another.

Participation in United Nations meetings

The organization was represented at the following meetings:

- Seventh assembly on human rights, held on 28 June 2009 at the Varembé Conference Centre in Geneva, on the subject of climate change and human rights;
- Eighth assembly on human rights, held on 18 October 2010 at the Varembé Conference Centre in Geneva, on the subject of security and human rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since its creation in March 2006, the Human Rights Council usually holds several sessions a year in Geneva. The principal representative has consistently attended the various sessions of the Council since its establishment, up to the time of his death.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

During the period in question, the organization concentrated on protecting the rights of the immigrant community in Venice, Italy.

8. Credo-Action

Special, 2007

Introduction

Credo-Action was founded on 16 April 1996 and was initially active in the area of environmental protection. It rapidly expanded its area of activity to include the poor, the homeless, orphans and the sick. It opened an orphanage in October 2007 to meet the needs of the girls and boys registered with it each year. Since obtaining consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Credo-Action is working for the well-being of girls and women in its area of intervention. It is based in the Lacs prefecture, in southern Togo. Its area of intervention is the maritime region including the capital of Togo. It works in rural areas and targets groups in a deteriorating socio-economic situation. Its activities are focused on children, women and development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the association are as follows:

- To defend the rights of women;
- To help women to help themselves;
- To improve the health situation in Togo;
- To ensure that girls attend school and are looked after.

The purposes of the organization are as follows:

- To promote health and reproductive rights;
- To promote female entrepreneurship;
- To promote fairer trade;
- To improve development prospects and job creation possibilities;
- To provide local organizations with the skills, the technology, the opportunities, the training and the information needed for the attainment of their goals;
- To promote gender parity and equality in law, politics, education and culture;
- To encourage women to participate fully in the country's economy by building their capacity;
- To combat violence against women;
- To provide holistic care for orphaned girls.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The organization is affiliated with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and has attended sessions of UNCTAD.

Participation in United Nations meetings

2008. The organization attended the twelfth session of UNCTAD, held in Accra from 20 to 25 April.

2009. The organization attended the Durban Review Conference, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April, on the subject of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

2010. The organization attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked in partnership with civil society organizations and actors in order to promote social progress and development.

In 2010, it also worked with the United Nations Development Programme on a project for women's development in rural areas. A request for financing is pending.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

The initiatives taken by the organization during the period in question include:

- Working with an NGO to provide support and literacy training for groups of 600 women;
- Holding a workshop to promote awareness of human rights;
- Promoting awareness of HIV/AIDS in the maritime region;
- Promoting awareness among girls and women of the right to education;
- Holding a workshop to train women leaders;
- Reforestation for primary schools;
- Holding a training workshop on empowerment and efforts to combat violence against women;
- Working on environmental sanitation and drinking water in primary and secondary schools.

9. Du pain pour chaque enfant

Special, 2007

Introduction

The association Du pain pour chaque enfant is an NGO established in the form of a non-profit association in 2002 in Luxembourg.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purposes of the association are to participate in poverty relief and to support socio-economic development in developing countries.

Important changes in the organization

Following the decision of its 2009 general meeting, the by-laws of the association were amended. These amendments now allow the association to provide instruction in various areas such as languages and information technology, in order to foster the socio-professional development of persons wishing to advance in their work environment. The association is also allowed to provide sports training to encourage young people and children to practice sports. This training is approved by the Luxembourg Ministry of Education

Contribution to United Nations activities

In order to make an active contribution to the work of the United Nations, the association each year commemorates the following Days by organizing workshops and think tanks on each of the topics involved:

- International Day of Peace, commemorated each year on 21 September in order to promote world peace;
- World Food Day, commemorated each year on 16 October, in order to promote access to healthy food and drinking water for all;
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities, commemorated each year on 3 December, in order to promote equal treatment for persons with reduced mobility;
- International Volunteer Day, commemorated on 5 December each year, in order to promote the unwavering commitment of volunteers in general and of the volunteers in our association in particular.

Participation in United Nations meetings

The association participated in the following meetings organized by the United Nations:

- The sessions of the Civil Society Forum, held on 5 February 2008 and 3 February 2009 in New York;
- The forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions of the Commission for Social Development of the Economic and Social Council, held on 6 February 2008 and 4 February 2009 in New York.

The association also participated in the following meetings to promote the activities of the United Nations:

- The Africa-Europe Youth Summit, held from 5 to 7 December 2007 in Lisbon to discuss the enhancement of relations and partnership between young people in Europe and Africa;
- Youth Event Slovenia, held from 18 to 21 April 2008 in Slovenia;
- The Global Civil Society Forum on financing for development and the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in November and December 2008 in Doha;
- The Euromed Civil Forum, held from 14 to 16 May 2010 in Alicante, Spain.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

On 12 December 2009, the association organized a videoconference with the International Organization of la Francophonie in collaboration with the United Nations, in order to watch a live transmission of the fifteenth session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen. The association also prepares projects to assist needy children for submission to various United Nations bodies, including UNICEF.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

In order to promote the Millennium Development Goals, the association has undertaken several initiatives designed to provide support for the poorest.

10. Espace Afrique International

Special, 2007

Introduction

Espace Afrique International is an NGO founded in 1996, which was granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2007. It is based in Geneva and has branches in several African countries, particularly Francophone countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This NGO organizes, coordinates and designs activities connected with the Millennium Development Goals in areas such as education, health, new technologies, advancement of the status of women, poverty relief and the dialogue of cultures.

Among other activities, the organization is promoting vital development goals such as:

- Education for all, and principally girls' education and functional literacy for women;
- Health for all and particularly efforts to combat major pandemics and scourges afflicting the African continent such as HIV/AIDS, leprosy, tuberculosis, Guinea worm disease and orphan diseases such as sickle-cell disease.

Contribution to United Nations activities

During the period in question, the organization's work has definitely helped to support United Nations activities. It naturally takes a close interest in the management of migratory flows, especially in Africa. For example, it participated in the work of the Working Group on the Human Rights of Migrants. Since immigration is a major challenge facing Europe in this twenty-first century, the organization has participated in the search for solutions to the issue of immigration in general and illegal immigration in particular. The annual sessions of the UNHCR Executive Committee are attended by member associations or affiliates of the organization, which thus act as an NGO platform working in various sectors of development.

In addition, since the United Nations launched in January 2002 a decade for the dialogue of cultures and civilizations, the organization has created a cultural promotion unit to improve understanding between different cultures and thus participated in the quest for peace and efforts to combat all forms of rejection and racism among peoples.

Participation in United Nations meetings

At the Palais des Nations in Geneva, the organization has participated very actively in and made statements at a significant number of important meetings on development, the culture of peace, cultural diversity and promotion of non-violence:

- Participation in the sixty-first Annual UN Department of Public Information NGO Conference, held from 3 to 5 September 2008 in Paris;

- Participation in the Review of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in 2009 in Geneva;
- Participation in the NGO Forum on the economic, social and cultural rights of women, held in September 2010 in Geneva, and in the annual World Summit on the Information Society Forum, held in February 2010 at the headquarters of the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva;
- Participation in the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held from 9 to 13 May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the period in question, the organization participated in the work and activities of the Economic and Social Council and cooperated with several United Nations bodies:

- **With the International Telecommunication Union**. In an information society which favours the sharing of know-how and knowledge, the organization has a special relationship with the Union. It engages in advocacy for an Africa connected with the rest of the world and has therefore participated in all the annual forums organized by the Union to follow up the World Summit on the Information Society;
- **With the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**. The organization has established a partnership for African regional conferences to promote books and reading;
- **With the World Health Organization**. The organization has worked to increase information and awareness for prevention of pandemics such as malaria and tuberculosis;
- **With the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS**. The organization has launched an HIV/AIDS information and awareness campaign and efforts to combat stigmatization of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

Together with various other NGOs, the organization has helped to synergize energies through a coalition of NGOs for the Goals, in order to achieve greater effectiveness and promote attainment of the Goals by 2015. This platform, which is gradually expanding, has an agenda for action and specific short-term goals with evaluation mechanisms.

11. Fundación Diagrama: Intervención Psicosocial

Special, 2007

Introduction

Fundación Diagrama: Intervención Psicosocial is a national and international NGO founded in Spain in 1991 for the purpose of assisting persons and groups of persons in a situation of social exclusion and special vulnerability. Its main goal is therefore "to promote the development of centres, programmes and research concerning preventive measures and the care and integration of groups in danger or

in social difficulty, with particular emphasis on children, the family, young people and women, as well as persons in a situation of dependency".

The organization has offices in the various separate communities in Spain and is developing international cooperation projects in Latin America (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Paraguay) and in Africa (Morocco and Senegal).

Aims and purposes of the organization

In accordance with its mission and with the provisions of its by-laws, the organization focuses on the following activities:

- Preventive measures, care and reinsertion of persons at risk or in a situation of social exclusion;
- Education, training and socio-professional reinsertion of beneficiaries;
- Counselling and assistance of various kinds for groups in need;
- Increasing public awareness of social problems;
- Promotion of equal opportunities for all;
- Care of persons who are dependent because of age, disease or physical or mental disability;
- Promotion, cooperation and assistance for volunteers, support groups and host families and any other measures to promote social cooperation;
- Studies, research, development and innovation to improve understanding of social reality and its transformations.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The organization has worked actively with various national and international networks and participated in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and of the United Nations in general.

Participation in United Nations meetings

A representative of the organization participated in the Innovation Fair for the Asia region, held in Mumbai, India, on 24 and 25 June 2007 in the context of the Council's annual ministerial review, in order to analyze the impact of poverty on social exclusion.

A representative of the organization attended a session of the annual ministerial review held on 2 and 3 July 2008 in New York, during which he presented the conclusions of the Council's regional innovation meeting in Latin America, on the subject of youth and the basis of sustainable development.

At the 2009 annual ministerial review on the topic of global public health, the organization held a side event from 6 to 8 July in Geneva on mentally disturbed juvenile offenders, during which two representatives presented the organization's intervention model.

Two representatives of the organization participated in the twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held from 12 to 19 April 2010 in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In its daily work, the organization devotes itself to the promotion and protection of the international norms and standards adopted in the United Nations concerning the organization's beneficiary groups.

Initiatives to promote the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's main contribution to the attainment of the Goals is its programmes of humanitarian assistance and cooperation for development.

12. Handicap International

Special, 1999

Introduction

Handicap International is active in all situations to help persons with disabilities, ensuring that they have access to services and encouraging their self-determination in the exercise of their rights. In its areas of intervention, the organization also endeavours to reduce risks and factors causing disability.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization, as an international solidarity association, is non-governmental, non-denominational, without political affiliation and non-profit. The network of national associations is constantly working to mobilize resources, co-manage projects and publicize the principles and actions of the organization's federation.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The organization participated in the drafting process for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

- The organization supported the participation in the drafting of the Convention of persons with disabilities from South countries, for example by financing the participation of certain organizations of persons with disabilities from the South and by translating into French the summary of the discussions of the Ad Hoc Committee;
- The organization gave direct support to the International Disability Caucus during the drafting of the Convention and represented the International Disability and Development Consortium.

Following the adoption of the Convention in December 2006 and particularly following its entry into force in May 2008, the organization has done promotion work to publicize the Convention and to encourage its signature and ratification by States. It participated in each of the Conferences of States Parties.

Participation in United Nations meetings

Since 2008, the organization has increased its presence in United Nations meetings in Geneva and contributed actively to the work of that Organization, particularly as regards monitoring of humanitarian emergencies and humanitarian reform of the United Nations:

- Ongoing contribution to the Logistics Cluster since October 2008;
- Ongoing contribution to the Global Protection Cluster since November 2008 (for example, quarterly meetings, annual retreats and a specific workshop on cross-cutting issues in humanitarian emergencies, held on 8 and 9 November 2010); the organization is today recognized as the focal point for disability in the Global Protection Cluster and has done much to ensure that more attention is paid to disability in the response to humanitarian emergencies;
- Member since February 2009 of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies and regular contributions through that network for preparation of meetings of the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee;
- Contribution to discussions held on 1 December 2010 with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on the humanitarian dashboard;
- Participation in a seminar of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, held on 18 December 2010 in Paris on reform of the United Nations humanitarian system;
- Participation since 2010 in the forum of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee on relations between humanitarian workers and military staff;
- Monitoring of the consultations on the Consolidated Appeals Process.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In liaison with WHO and through the International Disability and Development Consortium, the organization is very much involved in the formulation of the WHO community-based rehabilitation guidelines, helped to finance their translation into Arabic, participated in their launch and continues to assist in promoting them through its projects and partners in the field.

The organization has supported the United Nations Refugee Agency in the development of its policies for assisting persons with disabilities through support missions.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization is contributing to the attainment of the Goals through its local activities to ensure that disability is addressed in the Goals.

With a view to eliminating extreme poverty and hunger, the organization has developed projects for economic insertion of persons in a situation of disability and these are contributing to the reduction of extreme poverty.

In order to ensure primary education for all, the organization is developing projects for inclusive education of children with disabilities.

With a view to improving maternal health, reducing infant mortality and combating disease, the organization is working to provide access to health services for persons in a situation of disability and is thus promoting attainment of the Goals.

As regards advocacy, the organization is active in the Global Co-operative Campaign Against Poverty. Through the International Disability and Development Consortium, the organization has supported attention to disability in the context of the Goals. As was recognized in the report on the September 2010 Summit, these Goals cannot be attained if persons with disabilities, who are often the poorest among the poor, are not included.

13. International Bureau for Children's Rights

Special, 2003

Introduction

The International Bureau for Children's Rights is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1994 for the purpose of promoting and defending the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Bureau is fulfilling its mandate by means of four programmes:

- A programme to promote the Convention and country profiles on the state of the implementation of the Convention, identifying promising practices;
- A programme against the sexual exploitation of children and a project against trafficking in children and sexual exploitation of children through tourism and travel;
- A programme on children and justice, including guidelines on child victims and witnesses of crime;
- A programme on children in armed conflict.

Important changes in the organization

For three years now, the Bureau has been working closely with the International Organization of la Francophonie, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNICEF and the *Réseau international Francophone de formation policière* to improve police treatment of children.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The organization has provided training in Canada, Congo and Peru in prevention of trafficking in children.

Participation in United Nations meetings

The Bureau is working with the Committee on the Rights of the Child in the study on Congo, with our profile on the rights of the child in central Africa.

The Bureau organized and drafted for Canadian civil society organizations the alternative report on implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on

the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Bureau jointly organized and chaired a workshop on guidelines for child victims and witnesses of crime, held during the twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2010 in Salvador, Brazil.

The organization created a first Canadian campaign against sex tourism involving children. It also held a meeting of experts on police training with UNICEF Senegal and organized a validation workshop with 14 police training schools in West and Central Africa, with UNICEF Niger.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

In order to combat child poverty, the organization designed a three-year project with NGOs in 17 countries in North Africa and the Middle East to identify promising practices to reduce marginalization and violence against children and improve access to health care and education.

In order to promote gender equality, the organization provided training to eliminate trafficking in children, especially girls, including recruitment, prevention and intervention.

Additional information

The Bureau is a member of the United Nations Global Compact.

14. Mandat International

Special, 2003

Introduction

Mandat International is a Geneva-based non-profit and apolitical organization that has supported the work of the United Nations for the past 16 years.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization pursues goals of public benefit and its aims are:

- To promote dialogue and international cooperation;
- To welcome, inform and facilitate the participation of delegates to international conferences;
- To support and provide inexpensive accommodation to delegates from developing countries so as to promote balanced geographical representation of all geographical regions.

The main activities of the organization are:

- Providing accommodation and support for delegates from developing countries;
- Welcoming, informing and guiding visiting delegates;

- Promoting international public law;
- Managing a documentation centre;
- Managing Internet information sites and a collaboration platform;
- Managing an educational programme on international cooperation;
- Conducting research and analyses.

Contribution to United Nations activities

With its welcome centre for delegations and NGOs, during the period in question the organization supported and accommodated about 3,000 delegates, mainly from developing countries, in order to facilitate their participation in United Nations meetings. The organization thus supports about one hundred international conferences each year, including many meetings related to the work of the Economic and Social Council.

The organization maintains various Internet sites designed to facilitate delegates' participation in the work of the United Nations. In particular, it has prepared information guides in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, containing practical information for persons wishing to participate in international conferences and describing how the United Nations system works. The delegates' guide and the guide to international organizations are available on the organization's web site. The organization also has on-line FAQs to provide systematic answers to the questions which delegates may have about their work in the United Nations organs located in Geneva. Lastly, the organization is working on a collection of links comprising over two thousand links.

Participation in United Nations meetings

The organization participates regularly in international conferences in Geneva. For example, it has attended all the sessions of the Human Rights Council and its Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, as part of the Welcome Desk project.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In coordination with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Office at Geneva, the organization has organized a welcome and information service for delegates participating in meetings of the Human Rights Council. Between June 2007 and the end of December 2010, the Welcome Desk responded to 35,549 requests from 29,349 visitors and distributed over 100,000 documents. On several occasions, side events during sessions of the Human Rights Council were organized in cooperation with other NGOs in order to facilitate access to relevant information for new arrivals. The Welcome Desk is used both by NGOs and by government delegations.

Since 2006, the organization has been developing an information programme to enable young people between 12 and 18 years of age to discover the work of the United Nations system. These activities are being developed in Geneva in close cooperation with the various organizations of the United Nations system. The programme provides 14 thematic documents on the work of international organizations and offers guided tours of international organizations and of the various United Nations agencies.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization fully supports the Millennium Development Goals and is contributing to several aspects of the Millennium Declaration.

Additional information

These rewarding efforts to support the work of the United Nations and the successes achieved would not have been possible without the enjoyment of consultative status. The organization thanks the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for their support and their confidence and assures them of its strong commitment to strive to attain the aims and purposes of the United Nations.

15. United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation

Special, 1995

Introduction

The United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation has provided school supplies to the Idaasha Students' Association. This took place during the vacation courses organized by that beneficiary Association. This action to benefit the Association is part of the Agency's programme to promote excellence, designed to reward the best students in each class, as well as teachers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

One of the missions of the Agency is to inform the NGOs which it represents, the members of those organizations and the organizations concerned about the activities of the United Nations in the various areas covered by the Agency.

Contribution to United Nations activities

The organization has been represented at various conferences on human rights, the environment and humanitarian questions.

Participation in United Nations meetings

The organization has been represented at various meetings on human rights held at the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Office in Vienna.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Agency cooperates with all the Geneva-based United Nations agencies.

Initiatives to promote attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

Members of the Agency are working for the well-being of children and for health.